

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Please cancel claims 1, 4-7 and 13 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 8, 10, 11, 14, 16 and 17 as indicated below (material to be inserted is in **bold and underline**, material to be deleted is in ~~strikeout~~):

Listing of Claims:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Cancelled)
7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 1, further comprising: A~~
computer-implemented method of managing print job costs, the method
comprising the steps of:

providing an electronic print job request, the print job request having a set
of attributes;

prior to printing the print job, calculating a cost of the electronic print job
via a computer using the set of attributes, wherein calculating the cost of the
electronic print job includes calculating an actual consumables cost based on a
set of consumable factors;

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displaying the calculated cost of the electronic print job;

presenting a menu of **alternative** business rules **to a user**;

receiving a **user's** selection of a **particular one of the alternative** business rules;

automatically modifying the set of attributes to comply with the **user-selected** business rule;

re-calculating the cost of the electronic print job using the modified set of attributes; and

displaying the re-calculated cost.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising:

receiving a selection of an override of one or more attributes of the modified set of attributes;

re-calculating the cost of the electronic print job using the selected override of the modified set of attributes; and

displaying the newly re-calculated cost.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4 ~~8~~, further comprising:

receiving a selection of an override of one or more attributes of the modified set of attributes;

re-calculating the cost of the electronic print job using the selected override of the modified set of attributes; and

displaying the newly re-calculated cost.

11. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method of managing print job costs, the method comprising:

receiving an electronic print job request, the print job having a set of attributes;

calculating a preliminary cost of the print job with a computer using the set of attributes, wherein calculating the preliminary cost of the print job includes calculating an actual consumables cost based on a set of consumable factors;

presenting a menu of alternative business rules to a user;

receiving a user's selection of a particular one of the alternative business rules;

automatically adjusting the set of attributes in response to the user's selection of the particular one of the alternative business rules; and

calculating a final cost based on the adjusted set of attributes.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11, which further comprises displaying the final cost.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) ~~The program storage device of claim 13, the method further comprising:~~ A program storage device readable by a processor, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the processor to perform method steps for managing print job costs, the method steps comprising:

providing an electronic print job request, the print job request having a set of attributes;

displaying the set of attributes;

prior to printing the print job, calculating a cost of the electronic print job using the set of attributes, wherein calculating the cost of the electronic print job includes calculating an actual consumables cost based on a set of consumable factors; and

displaying the calculated cost of the electronic print job;

presenting a menu of alternative business rules to a user;

receiving a user's selection of a particular one of the alternative business rules;

automatically modifying the set of attributes to comply with the user-selected business rule;

re-calculating the cost of the electronic print job using the modified set of attributes; and

displaying the re-calculated cost.

15. (Previously Presented) The program storage device of claim 14, the method further comprising:

receiving a selection of an override of one or more attributes of the modified set of attributes;

re-calculating the cost of the electronic print job using the selected override of the modified set of attributes; and

displaying the newly re-calculated cost.

16. (Currently Amended) The program storage device of claim 43 14, further comprising:

receiving a selection of an override of one or more attributes of the modified set of attributes;

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re-calculating the cost of the electronic print job using the selected override of the modified set of attributes; and

displaying the newly re-calculated cost.

17. (Currently Amended) A program storage device readable by a processor, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the processor to perform method steps for managing print job costs, the method steps comprising:

receiving an electronic print job request, the print job having a set of attributes;

calculating a preliminary cost of the print job using the set of attributes, wherein calculating the preliminary cost of the print job includes calculating an actual consumables cost based on a set of consumable factors;

presenting a menu of alternative business rules to a user;

receiving a user's selection of a particular one of the alternative business rules;

automatically adjusting the set of attributes in response to the user's selection of the particular one of the alternative business rules; and

calculating a final cost based on the adjusted set of attributes.

18. (Original) The program storage device of claim 17, which further comprises displaying the final cost.